

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

STANDING ORDER REINFORCING TIMELY FILING REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, although most bankruptcy practitioners scrupulously observe and comply with the timeliness requirements of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure when filing petitions and associated documents in this court, substantial numbers of bankruptcy practitioners fail to meet the filing timeliness requirements of such rules; and

WHEREAS, dilatory practices in meeting such filing timeliness requirements seriously impede the management of bankruptcy cases; and

WHEREAS, this Court has concluded that appropriate procedural sanctions should be introduced in order to encourage timely filings of such documents as schedules, financial disclosure statements and all other documents that are required by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure to be filed within 15 days from the date of filing of a bankruptcy petition; and

WHEREAS, this Court has determined that routine extensions of time to file the aforementioned paperwork will not be granted and that any motion for extensions of time to file such paperwork must be supported by sworn affidavit reciting facts that constitute good cause for an extension of time; it is

ORDERED that the Clerk of this court shall cause bankruptcy practitioners, whose clients' petitions are not accompanied by schedules and other documents that are required for the administration of the case, to be notified that the rule requiring such documents to be filed within 15 days of the filing of the petition shall be enforced by the dismissal of a case in which such documents are not timely filed under such rules of procedure.

DATED: JANUARY 7, 1993

/s/ DAVID W. HOUSTON, III. JUDGE
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